

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
THURSDAY
May 22, 2025
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 22nd of May 2025, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with councilmembers Davis, Evans, Martinez, and Mayor Grace present. Councilmember Hughes was absent.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Marianne Gatchell and Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer.

May 5th, 2025, City Council Minutes- **(Action Item)**

Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5th, 2025. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- **(Action Item)**

Councilmember Evans made a motion to approve the claim approvals for May 22nd, 2025. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments-

Ginny Barton 205 W Canal NP- the city is in desperate need of a separate treasurer to ensure that what the city has just endured never happens again.

Debbie Mills-Smith 108 SW Blvd NP- Would like to see more trees planted along the pathway. She mentioned that the VFW would like to donate towards the purchase of trees. She also spoke about an issue with her irrigation and her neighbors.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilmember Evan asked if the sidewalk near the drop box at the library could be fixed. She almost fell. Councilmember Davis heard on the radio that more and more telemarketers are coming to the Boise area. He was thinking that maybe they could rent some space in the Internet Truck Stop building to help generate some revenue.

Councilmember Martinez in reference to the forensic audit, we never ever want our people to go through this again. There will be new systems in place to assure the financial protection of our city and our employees.

New Business-

- a. Payette County Commissioners- **(Action Item)** Jennifer Reibe 6255 SE 10th Ave Caldwell representing the Payette County Commissioners came to talk with the council regarding the legislation changes pertaining to impact areas. The deadline for the change is December 31, 2025. The idea is for the impact areas to include what cities think will be annexed into their city limits in the next 5 years. Discussion on the pros and cons of this topic between council, mayor, Superintendent Ziemer and Jennifer Riebe. This item will be revisited in the future.
- b. Rod Tegethoff- Kiwanis Park Sign- **(Action Item)** New Plymouth Kiwanis would like to put a sign in the park saying Kiwanis Park. The sign would be 3 ft x 4 ft made of stone. They would place it near the flagpole.

Councilmember Martinez made a motion to allow Kiwanis to put a sign in the park with the help of public works for placement.

Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 2025-04- Authorizing Destruction of Semi-Permanent Records- **(Action Item)**
Councilmember Martinez made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-04 Authorizing Destruction of Semi-Permanent Records. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- d. Special Events Permit- Double Diamond- Midget Wrestling- Street Closure- **(Action Item)** Maple to N. Plymouth Ave will be closed from 3 pm- 11 pm.
Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the Special Events Permit and Street Closure for Double Diamond. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- e. Comp Plan Contract- HDR Engineering Inc- Elizabeth Allen- **(Action Item)** Elizabeth Allen has joined HDR Engineering Inc. this is the new contract for approval for the Comp Plan. City Attorney Jill Holinka has approved the contract for the city.
Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve the Comp Plan HDR Engineering Inc contract with the date correction of May 22, 2025, and allow the mayor to sign. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- f. Tank 9 Recoating Project-Contractor Payment Application #1 and Change Order #1- **(Action Item)** Superintendent Beau Ziemer said that they have completed the exterior of the tank and are now working on the interior.
Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the Tank 9 Recoating Payment Application #1 and Change Order #1 and allow the mayor to sign. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. Library Report- Summer reading program is getting ready to start. They ordered 500 books that will be for the next years program.
- b. Engineering Status Report- Highlighted items are new. Pathway construction will start after fair. Benches in the parks will be done by the end of June.

Executive Session

Idaho Code 74-206 (a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Martinez made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Grace, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk